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Sir/Madam:

The Office Action of February 4, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on May 4, 2008. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge the extension fee to the Deposit Account No. 50-4389 in the name of Novartis Animal Health US, Inc. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 OFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to the same Deposit Account No. 50-4389 in the name of Novartis Animal Health US, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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